(*a*) the number of police officers convicted by courts of justice and now retained in the department;

(*b*) the number of police officers whose conduct was criticised by courts of justice; and

(*c*) the number of such officers who were given promotions or punishments by the department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) Government regret that the statement cannot be prepared as it involves an examination of the judgments in all criminal cases for the last 35 years which it is not possible for them to undertake.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there are such officers in the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not available.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order. Two members are in possession of the House.

Rule re Filing of Affidavits.

147. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the rule regarding the filing of affidavits along with all interlocutory applications in civil courts is causing very great hardship to the public;

(*b*) whether the levy of any fee for swearing of affidavits is authorised; and

(*c*) whether some persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (c) may I know whether the Government made any enquiry as to whether persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do they propose to make an enquiry?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

Cost of certain Surgical Instruments purchased in the General Hospital.

148. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money spent in getting down instruments when Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai was appointed in the Trivandrum General Hospital; and

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(*b*) whether those instruments are being used at all at present?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) £ 441-15 s.-7 d.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the name of the doctor who uses these instruments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not here.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai was the expert who was using those instruments. May I know whether there are such Doctors in the General Hospital who can use them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are Doctors who are capable of using them.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know their names?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The names will be called for from the Administrative Board, Medical Services, if the member is particular to have them.

Failure of Joint Stock Companies.

149. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Joint Stock Companies which failed within the last seven years (1096-1102);

(*b*) whether the Government made any investigation into the causes of such failure; and

(*c*) whether they propose to make an enquiry into that matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 133.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that a special enquiry into the matter is called for.

Minor Irrigation Works in Quilon Taluk.

150. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent for minor irrigation works in the several parts of the Quilon taluk within the last ten years (1093-1102) except in Kallada;

(*b*) whether any special officer has been appointed for irrigation works in Quilon as announced by the Dewan in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government propose to appoint such an officer in Quilon in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nil.

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